GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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ABSORPTION OF AAI EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modernisation of Delhi, Chennai and other airports in the country have been entrusted to private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the employees of Airports Authority of India (AAI) have been absorbed by the new company;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the fate of the rest of the employees who have not been absorbed; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of the employees?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)&(b): The restructuring and modernisation of Delhi and Mumbai airports have been entrusted to Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) and Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Limited (MIAL), respectively. DIAL and MIAL are private companies incorporated under Companies Act. Airports Authority of India (AAI) is holding 26% stake in them. In DIAL the remaining 74% stake is held by a consortium led by GMR Infrastructure Limited. Likewise in MIAL the remaining 74% stake is held by a consortium led by GVK Industries Limited. No decision of this nature has been taken in respect of Chennai and other AAI airports in the country.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. However DIAL had given offers of permannent absorption to all the general employees (Dy. General Manager and below) out of whom just about 8% have opted for permanent absorption in DIAL.

(e)&(f): At the end of Operation Support Period of 3 years, the general employees opting to continue employment with AAI or those not receiving offers from JVCs shall continue their employment with AAI and would be redeployed at other units of AAI. It has been agreed by DIAL and MIAL that they shall make offers of appointment to general employees, the terms of which shall not be inferior in terms of salary, position etc. than the current employment terms.